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5-YEAR PROGRAM FOR GOOD ROADS

STATE ENGINEER DIVIDES NEBRASKA INTO NINETEEN PROJECT DISTRICTS

START WORK NEXT SPRING

Roads To Be Improved Under Federal, State and County Appropriations Will Be Continuous

Box Butte, Morrill, Garden, Arthur and Grant counties go to make up one of the nineteen project districts in the making of Nebraska's permanent highway system, which will be composed of a complete chain of roads traversing every county in the state and stretching for several thousand miles. The nineteen projects combining to make the one big highway system have been laid out by State Engineer George F. Johnson. Sheridan county is placed in the same project with Cherry, Dawes and Sioux counties.

These highways will be developed with the federal good roads appropriation of \$1,600,000 and a like amount from the state. According to the plans announced, work towards a permanent system of highways in Nebraska is to be started this coming spring. When completed the highway system will furnish a connected net of roads which, it is stated, will place Nebraska in the front rank of good roads states.

Under the plan adopted by State Engineer Johnson, the state has been divided into nineteen "project districts," each including from four to five counties. Work will be started in each district at one end of the continuous route through it, and will be carried on progressively for five years, until the entire selected highways have been improved throughout their whole extent. The 1917 legislature appropriated a sufficient sum to match the money from the federal allotment, which will be available during the biennium, so that work can proceed without any delay.

Under the proposed plan, counties are expected to use their own funds in connection with those provided by the federal and state governments, and are given authority to vote special tax levies not exceeding 5 mills for the payment of bonds which may be issued to secure money with which to carry on the work. Ordinary county road funds may also be devoted to permanent highway construction.

The state engineer is now working, it is stated, upon the apportionment of state and federal funds for each county, and is expected to announce it shortly.

"Every county will be given its exact share under the law," says State Engineer Johnson in a statement just issued. "Some counties may not receive any funds the first or second year, but all will receive the amount which they are entitled to before the end of the five-year period, allowed for construction, elapses."

If Box Butte county is going to "get in" at the start of the road building program it is possible a little pressure brought at the right place in the immediate future might be the means of securing the good roads for this section within the next year. On the other hand, if the program, not yet announced, places Box Butte county at the end of the list, then it might be four or five years before the road building operations start here. However, in view of the fact that the name of Box Butte county appears as the first county in the list of counties making up the specific project it is possible work will start in Box Butte county next year. On the other hand, if work is started at the other end, it doesn't take a Philadelphia lawyer long to see that some other county in the project would have the benefit of good roads several years before this county. This proposition should be one of the first to be looked into by the "new" Alliance Community Club and when the new secretary, W. D. Fisher, gets into harness in a little over a week's time it is very probable that he will immediately start the ball rolling. He will need help, though, and of course he will get it.

The nineteen project districts as designated by the state engineer are: Richardson, Pawnee, Nemaha, Johnson and Otoe.

Cass, Sarpy, Douglas, Saunders and Butler.

Washington, Dodge, Colfax, Burt and Cuming.

Thurston, Dakota, Dixon, Wayne and Cedar.

Stanton, Madison, Pierce, Antelope and Knox.

Platte, Boone, Nance, Merrick and Polk.

Lancaster, Seward, Saline, Gage and Jefferson.

Thayer, Nuckolls, Clay, Fillmore and York.

Adams, Kearney, Webster and Franklin.

Hamilton, Hall, Howard, Sherman and Greeley.

Custer, A'Viley, Wheeler, Garfield and Loup.

Holt, Boyd, Rock, Brown and Keya Paha.

LLOYD THOMAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR

Editor of Alliance Herald Accepts Appointment as Director of Food Conservation for Senatorial Dist.

Lloyd Thomas, editor of The Alliance Herald and state representative for the 73rd district, on Friday of last week was offered the appointment of District Director for the twenty-eighth senatorial district of the Federal Food Administration for Nebraska. The offer as made by S. R. McKelvie, state campaign director. Lloyd accepted the appointment by wire Friday night. The district comprises the counties of Cherry, Sheridan, Dawes, Box Butte, Rock, Brown and Sioux.

In asking Lloyd to accept this appointment, Mr. McKelvie made the following statement: "The Federal Food Administration for Nebraska, Mr. Gordon W. Wattles, Administrator, has undertaken the registration of all housewives in Nebraska in a campaign for the conservation of food.

"Just now the principal feature of this campaign consists in the enrollment of all Nebraska housewives through the signing of pledge cards. To each one who signs one of these cards will be given a membership card in the United States Food Administration, and a home card indicating the manner in which food conservation may most successfully be effected.

"In order that this work may be prosecuted most vigorously the state is being thoroughly organized. You are asked to serve as Director for the Twenty-eighth Senatorial District, which consists of the counties of Cherry, Sheridan, Dawes, Box Butte, Rock, Brown and Sioux.

"It will be your duty to supervise the work and co-operate with the county chairmen of each county in your district. The County Chairman will in turn perfect smaller units, and still smaller units will be organized until a complete working force will have been perfected for the big week of general enrollment, October 21 to 28."

A meeting of district directors for the state will be held in Omaha soon.

BIG HERALD FLAGS ARE GOING FAST

The Beautiful Flag, 3 Ft. by 5 Ft., and The Alliance Herald For a Year For Only \$2.00

Your opportunity to get one of the handsome, big Alliance Herald flags, 3 feet by 5 feet, is fast slipping away. If you haven't already secured a flag, you want one. Everybody wants one. The Herald's solicitor is busy putting them into the homes. If she hasn't yet called at your home it might be advisable for you to call at the Herald office with your \$2.00 right now, to make sure you'll get your big flag with a year's subscription to the Herald.

The big flags are going fast. The indications are the present supply will shortly be exhausted. It is probable your Herald can secure another supply, but if the price advances or the demand upon the manufacturers becomes too great, it is possible the present supply will be all the flags distributed by your Herald under this plan. The flags are dandies. They are 3 feet, or 36 inches, by 5 feet, or 60 inches. Made of specially woven cotton bunting, bright colors, with heavy canvas band at the top and large brass grommets at each end, the flag is one you can't help but be proud of.

See that you get your flag with a year's subscription to the leading newspaper of western Nebraska. Two dollars pays the bill and it's big value for the money—that's sure. The same to old and new subscribers.

APPOINTED TO ASSIST FOOD ADMINISTRATOR

Clark Perkins, acting upon the request of G. W. Wattles, Federal Food Administrator for Nebraska, has appointed The Alliance Herald as the newspaper in Box Butte county to cooperate with the County Council of Defense in the work it will do under Mr. Wattles' direction. All leading commercial and industrial state-wide organizations are being asked to cooperate in this manner.

F. A. Bald, an attorney of Central City, Nebraska, was in the city on business Friday. Mr. Bald is a friend of Theo. Osterman, state representative from the district in which Central City is located, and called on Representative Lloyd Thomas to bring the good wishes of Mr. Osterman.

Cherry, Sheridan, Dawes and Sioux.

Scottsbluff, Banner, Kimball, Cheyenne and Deuel.

Box Butte, Morrill, Garden, Arthur and Grant.

Blaine, Thomas, Hooker and McPherson.

Lincoln, Keith, Perkins, Dawson and Buffalo.

Chase, Dandy, Hayes, Hitchcock and Red Willow.

Phelps, Gosper, Frontier, Harlan and Furnas.

Doesn't Sound Good to Him



NEW LIBERTY LOAN DRIVE ON YOUR SERVICES ARE NEEDED

GREAT CAMPAIGN FOR FINANCING WAR AGAINST GERMANY OPENED ON MONDAY

LIBERTY DAY OCTOBER 24 BIG MEETING OCTOBER 11

R. M. Hampton of Alliance Member of General Committee in Charge of Task in Nebraska

The second Liberty loan campaign opened on Monday of this week. For four weeks the entire nation will be a recruiting ground for money with which to carry on the war. While the books will be open from October 1 to November 1, the big drive in Nebraska will be conducted next week and the week following. October 24 has been designated as Liberty day all over the nation. R. M. Hampton, president of the First National Bank of Alliance has been appointed a member of the general state committee for Nebraska representing district No. 7. This general committee has general supervision of the campaign in this state and the various directors have supervision of the campaign in their respective districts.

To obtain \$3,000,000,000, the minimum set by the treasury officials for the issue, a gigantic machine of many parts was put in motion at the start of the campaign on Monday. Fifty per cent greater than the first Liberty loan, the present offering is the largest the American people have been called upon to absorb.

Five billion dollars and ten million subscribers—that is the goal which officials hope to reach during the next four weeks. The services of virtually every industry of the nation have been enlisted. Hundreds of thousands of individuals, firms and corporations have united in giving a part of their time to carry the work forward.

More than 26,000 banks, working under the guidance of the twelve federal reserve banks, regional headquarters for the loan, are the treasury's first lieutenants. The three Alliance banks, as well as every other bank in Nebraska, are receiving subscriptions to the loan. R. M. Hampton of this city is the director in charge of the work of receiving subscriptions in this section. Mr. Hampton's duties require him to keep in touch with the project of securing subscriptions in the district, designated as the 7th district.

The new loan will pay 4 per cent interest. Those who subscribed for the first Liberty loan have the privilege of turning in their bonds of the first loan for bonds of the new loan if they so desire.

ALLIANCE SCHOOLS GET FUNDS UNDER SHUMWAY ACT

Apportionment of \$350 each to eighteen high schools under the Shumway Act of 1915, meeting requirements in manual training, normal training, agriculture and domestic science, was made today by A. H. Dixon, rural school inspector for Nebraska. The towns benefiting are: Ainsworth, Alliance, Alma, Aurora, Blair, Fairfield, Geneva, Gothenburg, Hastings, Holdrege, Kimball, Pawnee City, Red Cloud, Scottsbluff, Stromsburg, Tecumseh, Wahoo and York. Funds remain to be apportioned to other consolidated and affiliated schools under this act.

Argentina devotes 4,000,616 acres to oats growing.

YOUR SERVICES ARE NEEDED

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE BOX BUTTE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

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County To Be Organized at Rousing Patriotic Rally at Phelan Opera House—You Attend

Every man, woman and child in Box Butte county is going to be given an opportunity to become members in the Box Butte County Council of Defense, according to an announcement issued this week by the local council through its secretary, George Edick. For the first time since the Box Butte council was organized a supreme effort is to be made to interest every person in the county in the work. To this end a great patriotic rally and organization meeting will be held at the Phelan Opera House on Thursday night, October 11th.

This meeting is going to be a genuine patriotic rally. A big choir will sing patriotic songs the way you like to hear them. Dr. J. Walter Morris, the new pastor of the M. E. church, has been engaged to deliver a talk along patriotic lines. The purpose and plans of the Box Butte County Council of Defense will be gone into. Officers of the county council will tell what has been done and explain what is to be done. Then when everything has been explained everyone will be given a chance to become members in the county council.

A supply of the booklets, "How the War Came to America," issued by the Committee on Public Information will be issued to those attending this meeting. The booklet is one that should be read by every person in America. It tells the "why" and "how" and is issued by the government itself. It is a booklet all will want to preserve. It is well printed, the cover is in patriotic colors. More literature is being issued that is of vital interest to every American citizen. All who become members of the county council, by their act will signify that they are interested and ready to do their bit toward helping to win the war and will be provided with the new literature from time to time as it becomes available.

You have no excuse for not attending this meeting. In the first place it is your duty. In the second place it is your privilege, and in the third place you will spend an evening that will be one long to be remembered. Right now you should reserve Thursday evening, October 11th, for your county and attend this meeting.

The County Council plans to organize Box Butte county to the last unit. Precinct Councils of Defense will be organized as a link in the chain from National, State and County Councils.

You ask what the business of the Council of Defense is? The primal object is blind, unwavering loyalty to our country and our flag. Everything else must be subservient to that. The County Council of Defense is the CLEARING HOUSE FOR THE COUNTY. The council provides the means for united action of all the people, it affords an organization to do things where, if left to individuals, little or nothing could be accomplished. Come to the meeting—everything will be made clear to you and you will have a better understanding of what is being done and of what is to be done. Attend this patriotic rally and organization meeting.

Typewriter ribbons of all kinds—The Herald carries the largest stock in Alliance at all times. Phone 340.

ACTING GOVERNOR HERE ON THURSDAY

Lieutenant Governor Howard Finished His Hunting Trip Thursday and Left for Lincoln.

Edgar Howard, editor of the Columbus Telegram and lieutenant governor of the state of Nebraska, who arrived two weeks ago for a hunting trip near Alliance in the hills, left Thursday evening for Lincoln. From seven o'clock until after midnight Thursday night, when he left, he was acting governor of the state of Nebraska. Governor Keith Neville left Lincoln on a trip to Washington at that time and Lieutenant Governor Howard thereby became acting governor. He is now presiding at the state house in the governor's office and will do so until the latter returns from his eastern trip.

While in the city Mr. Howard was the guest of Robert Graham on the latter's ranch south of Alliance. The hunting party consisted of Mr. Howard, Charley Bryan of Lincoln, Harry Rex of Creston, Iowa, and Dr. Green of Columbus. Alliance people who spent much time at the ranch with them in the "big drive" for ducks were Robert Graham, T. J. O'Keefe, Lloyd Thomas, "Bill" Umer, who is an old friend of Mr. Howard's, and others.

The Columbus Telegram's editorial page, which is a feature looked for by all Nebraska newspapermen and politicians, was a blank last week, as far as editorials were concerned, and in explanation thereof the following article appeared under the heading "Hunting Chickens":

One week ago yesterday Editor Howard, in company with his son-in-law, Harry Rex, of Creston, Iowa, and Hon. C. W. Bryan, of Lincoln, left for a hunting trip to the sandhill region near Alliance. Not a scratch of the pen has been received from him, but yesterday morning one of his friends at Alliance sent a wire advising that Mr. Howard and party were still chasing chickens of some kind, and apparently finding plenty of them. Mr. Howard expected to be home Tuesday, but the wire stated that he was marooned in the sandhills, and could not be home this week.

This information is given for the benefit of Platte Center people who expected Mr. Howard to address them at their Harvest festival this week; for the benefit of numerous callers at the office and inquiries by phone for Mr. Howard, and for others who have addressed him by mail, and still await a reply. It also explains the lack of an editorial page in The Telegram this week.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS.

COTTRILL GETS MINE OF GOLD AND SILVER

Former Alliance Man Pays \$52,000 For Mill For His Mine at Black Hawk, in Colorado District

Frank Cottrill, formerly employed at the Burlington shops in Alliance, who more recently has been employed at the Hord Alkali Products Company at Lakeside, recently inherited a valuable gold and silver mine at Black Hawk, Colorado.

Cottrill has just completed the organization of the Cottrill Milling & Mining Company which will operate the mine. He has just purchased a \$52,000 mill which he will install at the mine as soon as he completes his work of installing boilers at the Lakeside plant.

The mine has at tunnel 800 feet in length and has an excellent showing of both gold and silver in big paying quantities. Mr. Cottrill has samples with him, taken from the mine, which are mighty interesting to people who recognize valuable ores. He will return soon to Black Hawk and get the mine in active production.

ENLISTING OF DRAFT MEN MAY BE ALLOWED

Orders explaining a recent order sent out by the war department concerning enlisting of drafted applicants in the regular army, have been received at the regular army station here. The previous order provided that persons may not be exempted to permit the mto enlist, nor, under the president's regulations may a person who has once been called by the local board thereafter enlist even after he has been exempted or discharged from the draft. This regulation may be modified by the president after all quotas are filled, the order reads, but for the present exempted or discharged registrants may not enlist voluntarily. It is further explained that an application of an exempted or discharged man to enlist would be ground upon which a local board might inquire whether his certificate of exemption or discharge ought not to be revoked.

Regular army stations have been authorized to enlist colored men in stevedore regiments of the quartermaster corps of the National Army. Men accepted for enlistment are to be sent to the recruiting depot, depot post or nearest military post enroute to Newport News, Va. Special uniforms to be furnished the men. "Moral colored men who declare they will support their wives while in service are to be enlisted.

KAISER ADMITS HE WANTS PEACE

GERMANY WILL OFFER MORE CONCESSIONS IN BELIEF IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES

READY TO GIVE UP BELGIUM

Rather Than Face American Army Next Year, Teutons Hope to Obtain Peace This Winter

London.—That Germany is sincerely trying to negotiate peace this winter, before the full strength of the military arm of the United States can be exercised next spring, is the candid belief in diplomatic circles in London.

Germany, in its tentative verbal reply to the papal note, indicated a willingness to evacuate Belgium under certain conditions.

These conditions, it is believed, will not be acceptable to the entente allies. But the great point gained, it is pointed out, is Germany's willingness to even so much as concede the evacuating of Belgium under any circumstances.

Germany's offer to withdraw her armies from Belgium is understood to be accompanied by an expression of willingness to pay "per share" of the cost of evacuating Belgium.

This again, is vague. No one in London can guess just what "share" Germany thinks she ought to pay in the way of indemnity to Belgium, or who should pay the other "share."

But the diplomats do not concern themselves with the details. The one main fact stands out. Germany, for the first time since peace talk began months ago, evinces a willingness to withdraw her armies from Belgium and to pay Belgium an indemnity.

It is argued from this that Germany is willing to make still further concessions, as to Belgium. It is believed that Germany's next offer will be to evacuate Belgium without condition and to pay Belgium an indemnity.

It is believed, further, that Germany will be willing to make concessions to France, either in the shape of indemnity, or of some modified government of Alsace and Lorraine. Germany, so far, has been silent as to the ultimate fate of Poland. There are reasons for the belief that the entente allies (and the phrase, of course, does not include the United States) will be satisfied with nothing less than the complete independence of German domination of German, Austrian and Russian Poland.

But the outlook for speedy peace is brighter than it was a short time ago. Germany, for the first time, is showing concrete evidence of a willingness to come to terms.

ALLIANCE SOLDIER A STUJKY WRITER

Milton Keegan, Son of County Assessor, Breaks Into Ranks of Short Story Writers in Issue Book

Milton J. Keegan, aged twenty-two, son of County Assessor J. A. Keegan of Alliance, who is a member of the new national Army and who leaves this week for the training camp to take his part in the world war, has joined the ranks of nationally known short story writers.

Milton's first story published in a magazine of national reputation appeared in the Blue Book Magazine for November and is entitled "Kroesing Backs Down." It was written while Milton was studying journalism at the Nebraska University and would indeed be a credit to a man of many more years of training. It was only after the continued urging of his teacher and fellow students that he would consent to offer the story for publication.

The story is one of the west and is full of thrills and true western color throughout. Seldom do The Herald's editors have time to glance inside the covers of a fiction magazine, but they took time to read this story from start to finish. The scene is the Star ranch in Sheridan county. The story is too long for publication in this issue of The Herald but we quote the first two paragraphs and hope later to find room to publish it complete.

"Along, mournful wail of a coyote from the top of the hill yonder was the only sound that broke the stillness in the bunk-house at that early hour in the morning. In fact only one inmate of that large sod structure heard the plaintive cry. And as he listened, somehow his sympathy went out to the lonely creature of the night.

"I guess the old boy feels about the same way toward the world as I do," thought the man as he lay gazing out toward the sparkling heavens on that clear October night. Herald readers will find a literary treat if they will get a copy of the Blue Book for November and read the story.